

EECS 203: Discrete Mathematics  
Winter 2024  
Homework 8

Due **Thursday, April 4**, 10:00 pm

No late homework accepted past midnight.

Number of Problems:  $8 + 2$

Total Points:  $100 + 30$

- **Match your pages!** Your submission time is when you upload the file, so the time you take to match pages doesn't count against you.
- Submit this assignment (and any regrade requests later) on Gradescope.
- Justify your answers and show your work (unless a question says otherwise).
- By submitting this homework, you agree that you are in compliance with the Engineering Honor Code and the Course Policies for 203, and that you are submitting your own work.
- Check the syllabus for full details.

## Individual Portion

### 1. Easy Peasy Degree-sy Squeezy [8 points]

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $v$  vertices and  $e$  edges. Let  $M$  be the maximum degree of the vertices of  $G$ , and let  $m$  be the minimum degree of the vertices of  $G$ . Show that

(a)  $\frac{2e}{v} \geq m$

(b)  $\frac{2e}{v} \leq M$

#### Solution:

- (a) The total degree of the vertices is  $2e$ , since each edge is counted twice by its two vertices.

Let every vertex have  $2e$  "vacancies," that is, spots for edges to fill. (Essentially, for each vertex, this "vacancy" number is just the difference between  $2e$  and the degree of that vertex.) Then there will be  $2ev$  "vacancies" total among the vertices, before edges fill them. After subtracting the edges, there will be  $2ev - 2e$  total "vacancies" left among the edges. Let the pigeons be the "vacancies" and the vertices be the holes. Then by the Pigeonhole Principle, there must be at least one vertex with at least  $\frac{2ev-2e}{v} = 2e - \frac{2e}{v}$  "vacancies." This translates to a degree of  $2e - (2e - \frac{2e}{v}) = \frac{2e}{v}$ . So there is at least one vertex with degree at most  $\frac{2e}{v}$ . Since the minimum degree must be less than or equal to this,  $\frac{2e}{v} \geq m$ .

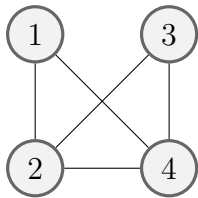
- (b) The total degree of the vertices is  $2e$ , since each edge is counted twice by its two vertices. There are  $v$  vertices (holes) and  $2e$  total degree (pigeons). So by the pigeonhole principle, there is one vertex with degree at least  $\frac{2e}{v}$ . Since the maximum degree must be greater than or equal to this degree,  $\frac{2e}{v} \leq M$ .

## 2. The Forest Beyond the Trees [15 points]

Determine which of the following graphs is/are a tree. Additionally, determine which of the following graphs is/are bipartite. Please explain your reasoning for why each one is or is not a tree, and why each one is or is not bipartite.

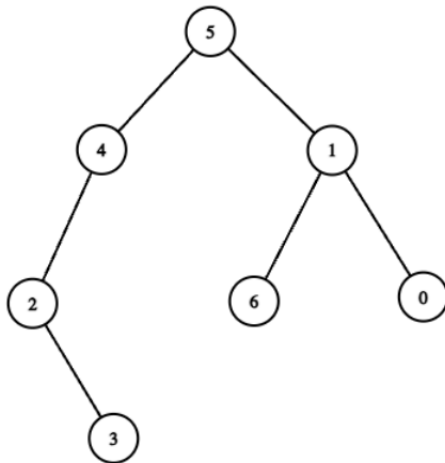
(a)  $C_4$ , a cycle of length 4

(b)

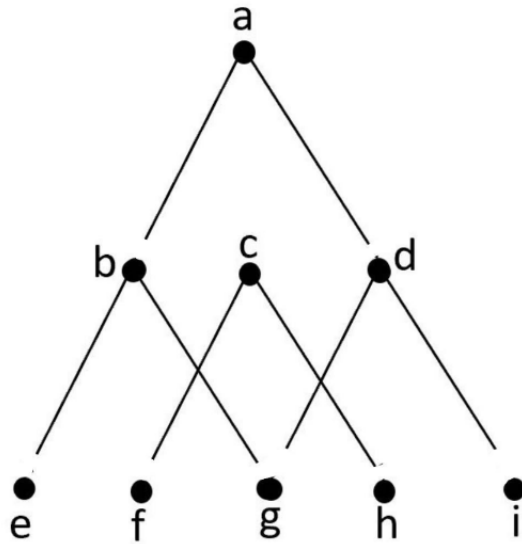


(c)  $K_6$

(d)

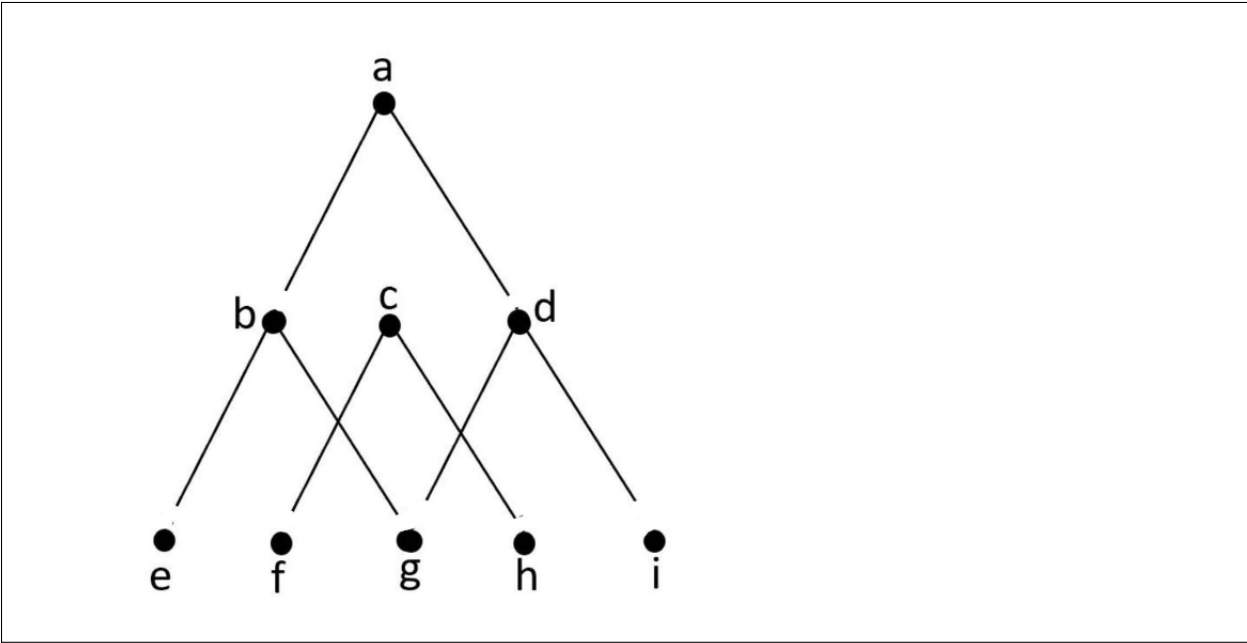


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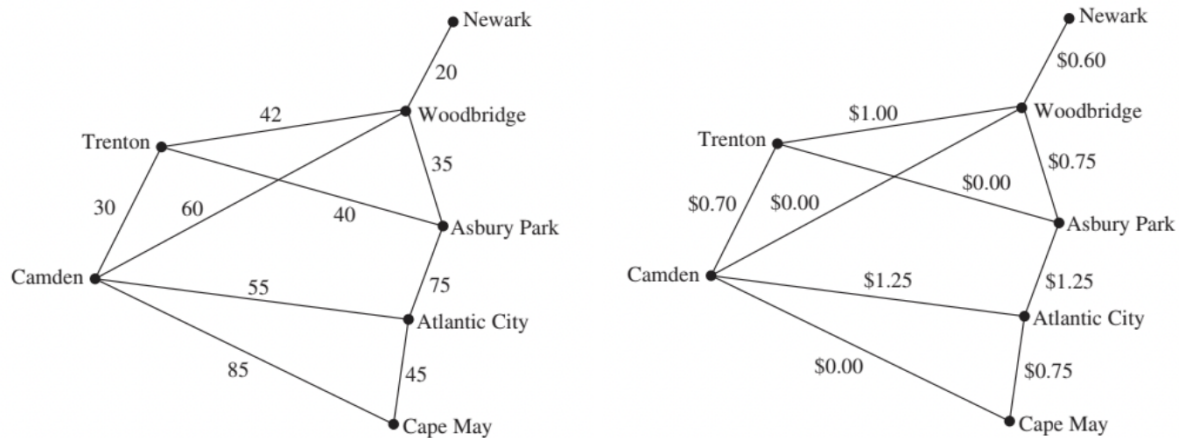
**Solution:**

- (a) This is not a tree since it contains a cycle subgraph. However, it is bipartite since it doesn't have a odd cycle.
- (b) This is not a tree since it contains cycle subgraphs (e.g. the cycle of nodes 1-2-4). Additionally, it is not bipartite since it contains odd cycles. (e.g. the cycle of nodes 1-2-4).
- (c) This is not a tree since it contains many cycle subgraphs. It is also not bipartite since it contains odd cycles. (Since it is complete, there is a cycle between any set of vertices, e.g. vertices 1, 2, 3)
- (d) This is a tree because it contains no cycles. Additionally,
- (e)



### 3. Road Rage [12 points]

The graphs below show some major roads in New Jersey. The graph on the left shows distances between cities on these roads, and the graph on the right shows the toll costs on each road.



For each pair of cities below, (i) find the shortest path in distance, and (ii) find the least expensive route (shortest path in terms of cost). Be sure to list the total distance and total cost for each respective part.

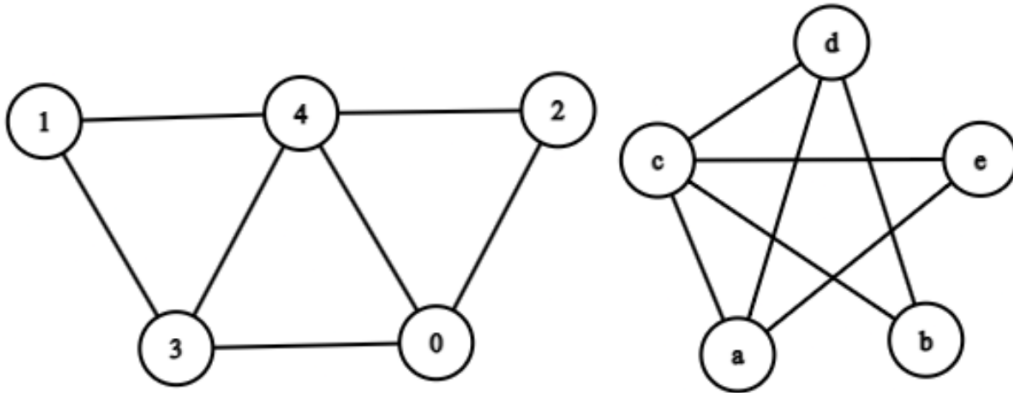
- (a) Newark to Camden
- (b) Trenton to Atlantic City

**Solution:**

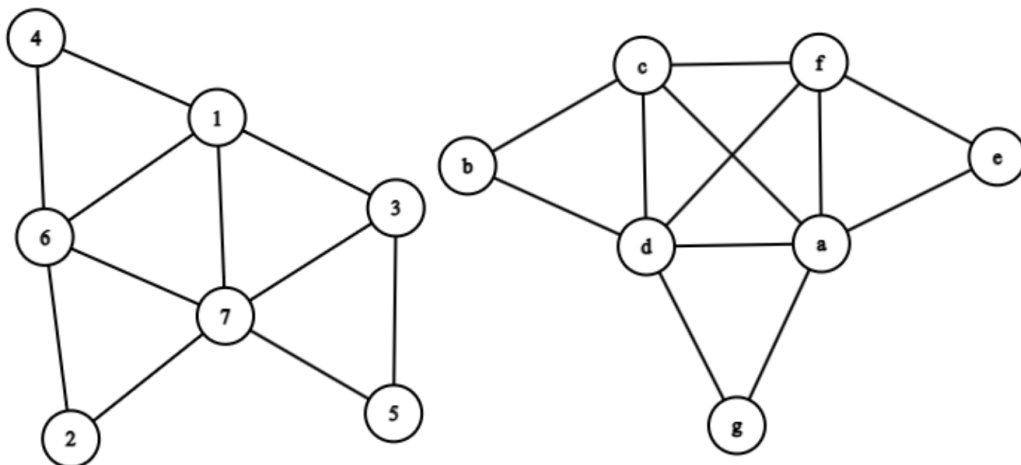
#### 4. Isomorphish? [12 points]

Determine whether or not each of the following pairs of graphs are isomorphic. If yes, provide an isomorphism. If not, explain why and propose a change to one of the graphs that would make them isomorphic; you do not need to provide an isomorphism in this case.

(a)



(b)

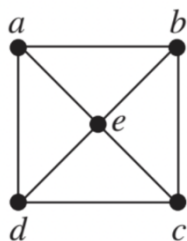


**Solution:**

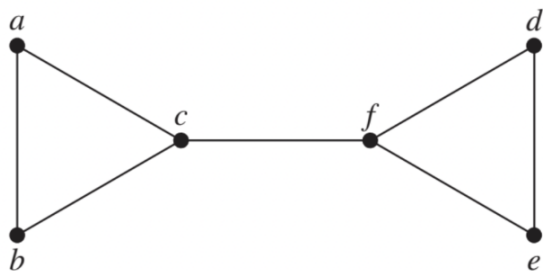
### 5. Any tours available? [12 points]

State whether each of the following contains, or is guaranteed to contain a Hamiltonian Cycle. Justify your response for each part.

(a)



(b)



(c) A simple, bipartite graph with 4 vertices that contains one cycle

(d) A 4-vertex graph where each vertex has even degree

**Solution:**



## 6. Euler Visits the U.S. [12 points]

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph of the continental U.S. where  $V$  is the set of the first 48 states (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) and  $E$  contains all pairs that share a border. (Arizona and Colorado do not share a border, nor do Utah and New Mexico). A reference for the U.S. map has been provided below.



For more maps please visit <https://inkpx.com>

- (a) Does  $G$  have an Euler path? Prove or disprove.
- (b) Is  $G$  3-colorable? In other words, is there a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{\text{red}, \text{blue}, \text{green}\}$  such that if  $\{u, v\} \in E$  then  $f(u) \neq f(v)$ ?

**Hint:** Consider odd wheels  $W_{2k+1}$

**Solution:**

## 7. Ham and Cheese [15 points]

A Hamiltonian cycle is a cycle that traverses through every vertex in a graph exactly once (starting and ending at the same vertex). How many Hamiltonian cycles are there in the complete graph  $K_n$ ? Justify your answer.

**Note:** Two cycles are the same as long as they have the same vertices, and each vertex has the same left and right neighbors in the cycle. For instance the cycles  $(a, b, c, a)$ ,  $(b, c, a, b)$ , and  $(a, c, b, a)$  are all equivalent.

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| <b>Solution:</b> |
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## 8. Captivating Counts [14 points]

How many positive integers between 1000 and 9999 inclusive

- (a) have distinct digits?
- (b) are divisible by 5 or 7?
- (c) are divisible by 5 but not by 7?

Justify **and simplify** your answers. You may use a calculator to simplify.

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## Grading of Groupwork 7

Using the solutions and Grading Guidelines, grade your Groupwork 7 Problems:

- Use the table below to grade your past groupwork submission and calculate scores.
- While grading, mark up your past submission. Include this with the table when you submit your grading.
- Write whether your submission achieved each rubric item. If it didn't achieve one, say why not.
- For extra credit, write positive comment(s) about your work.
- You don't have to redo problems correctly, but it is recommended!
- See "All About Groupwork" on Canvas for more detailed guidance, and what to do if you change groups.

|           | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | (iv) | (v) | (vi) | (vii) | (viii) | (ix) | (x) | (xi) | Total: |
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| Problem 1 |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |        |      |     |      | /10    |
| Problem 2 |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |        |      |     |      | /8     |
| Total:    |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |        |      |     |      | /18    |

## Groupwork 8 Problems

### 1. Commit Tea Party [15 points]

Two committees are having a meeting. If there are 12 people in each committee, how many different ways can they sit around a table given the following restrictions? Note that two orderings are considered equal if each person has the same two neighbors (without distinguishing their left and right neighbors).

- (a) There are no restrictions on seating.
- (b) Two people in the same committee cannot be neighbors.
- (c) Everybody must have exactly two neighbors from their committee.
- (d) Everybody must have exactly one neighbor from their committee.

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| <b>Solution:</b> |
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### 2. Hiking Extravaganza [15 points]

Prove that every complete  $n$ -node weighted graph (with all possible edges) with  $n \geq 1$  and all distinct edge weights has a (possibly non-simple) path of  $n - 1$  edges along which the edge weights are strictly increasing.

**Hint:** Start by placing a hiker on each node. Try to show that the hikers can walk paths of *total* length  $n(n - 1)$ , each along increasing-weight paths.

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| <b>Solution:</b> |
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